

UNC-Chapel Hill University Library
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Migrations

Capping a multiyear planning process, campus libraries migrated to the Innovative Millennium system this spring, beginning with acquisitions in January and February, cataloging in April, and circulation in May. This marks the first truly integrated library system at UNC, since circulation, cataloging, and Law acquisitions had been performed on DRA, while University Library and Health Sciences acquisitions had used Innopac. Needless to say, the dust is still settling and will be for some time, but thus far the OPAC has received favorable comment from the public. UNC is the first large academic library in Innovative to use the MARC21 Format for Holdings for monographs. Plans are under way to implement Innovative's Electronic Resource Module (ERM) during the fall.

The ILS migration gives real impetus to examination of technical services workflows with an aim toward streamlining and consolidation.

The majority of cataloging operations on campus were Passport-based, with Special Collections using CatME. All have now migrated to OCLC's Connexion Client. UNC has participated in all field tests of the Client software, including a test of OCLC's Arabic script in late spring.

New Departmental Library

Last July and August, YBP supplied 7,300 shelf-ready titles for the library's first new departmental library in several decades, the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History Library, which opened at the beginning of the fall semester. Raquel Cogell, the Stone Center librarian, joined the library staff from Emory. An example of the new services provided by this library can be found in the web guide created by Raquel and her staff: <http://www.lib.unc.edu/stone/webguide/index.html>

Science Libraries

As a result of the renovation of the building in which it is currently located, the Zoology Section of the Biology Library will move in July to temporary quarters in the Wilson Library Annex. Subsequently, the Chemistry Library will also occupy space in the Annex while its old quarters are demolished and a new sciences classroom building is constructed. Plans are being finalized for a small, print-poor, technology-rich collaborative instructional-environment Chemistry Library in the new building, scheduled for opening in 2009. Ultimately, all of the departmental science libraries will occupy a freestanding combined science library building sited in the midst of the new science complex at the end of what planners have named "Library Walk" (so called because it's on a straight line with The Wilson Library, House Undergraduate, and Davis Library).

Mellon Grant

New University Librarian Sarah Michalak received word on June 17 that the UNC Library will receive \$363,174 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to help build the Core Module of the Russia beyond Russia Digital Initiative (RBR), the key component in the cataloging of the André Savine Collection. The completed two year digital publishing project will include an open source–based searching and indexing engine and databases that will provide access to the major research conducted by André Savine on the post-1917 Russian Diaspora. This is the first grant the Library has sought and received from the Mellon Foundation, which is one of the few large foundations that supports research libraries.

Library-wide Planning Process

Sarah Michalak has initiated a library-wide planning process, with ample opportunities for contributions from all staff members and a two-day planning retreat for department heads and other key staff members. One outcome of the process will be an analysis and possible redesign of several key vacancies within the system, not least of which are gaps caused by the departure of Larry Alford for Temple University in February.

Miscellanea

The University Library has purchased OCLC's CONTENTdm software and is identifying pilot projects.

In cooperation with the College of Arts and Sciences, the University Library is licensing ArtStor.

Debra Gerhardt, an attorney with expertise in intellectual property law, will join the UNC staff in July in a joint appointment with the Law School. She will spend half her time in the Library as a copyright/IP/scholarly communications consultant.

Name Change

Over the last few years, the term "University Library" has gradually replaced "Academic Affairs Library" as the UNC Library's official name. The two terms refer to the same administrative entity (Davis Library + The Wilson Library + House Undergraduate + the departmental libraries). "University Libraries" remains the preferred term for the entire UNC-Chapel Hill library system (i.e., University Library + Health Sciences + Law).